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Jim:

Re our discussions about the
need for an early decision on
the eventual location of FBIS,
attached is a note on a recent
meeting of RECD (O/L) and FBIS

with GSA.

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49. LOGNOTE - Executive and Planning Staff - 28 August 1985

[] 1. I accompanied [] of RECD to a meeting with GSA Real Estate Division Chief Bill Jenkins and staff yesterday. The meeting focused on problems brought up at our previous meeting concerning the FBIS request to delegate to Lockheed Electronics Corporation authority to oversee computer room alterations in Key and Broyhill buildings, and requirements for FBIS residence in Key for a specified period after construction is completed.

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2. We all agreed that it would be most advantageous to the government to find a home for FBIS quickly so that the computer room would have to be built only once. Jenkins said that getting about 75,000 square feet of space ready for FBIS in a new building could probably be done in the time remaining between October and mid-spring of 1987, but that a larger building containing other agency components would take longer, at least two years. He strongly recommended that FBIS continue on a dual track of planning for a computer center in Key and also trying to get a commitment for a new site.

3. Should FBIS have to construct a new computer facility in Key and Broyhill, GSA agreed to compromise on the number of years of required FBIS occupancy in Key following computer room completion. They now agree that a 4-year extension of the current lease, until late 1989, would suffice. I do not think they are likely to retreat significantly from this position.

4. GSA will not agree to LEC control over facilities construction, but will agree to allowing them a designated role in the process. They have talked to building management, which prefers the job be done under GSA auspices, and GSA feels confident that it can get the job done correctly and on schedule. They are willing to specify that the A&E contractor must follow LEC guidance on technical matters. Jenkins said that he thought an arrangement could be made that the job would not be considered complete until LEC signed off that it was satisfied with the work. LEC would participate throughout the design. Jenkins envisions a schedule of about 6 months for design and procurement, about 6 months construction bid process, and 6 months actual construction. To insure that there is plenty of time, they requested an updated scope document ASAP (LEC is scheduled to have one 1 October, which should suffice). GSA feels strongly that only by allowing the building manager to assume ultimate responsibility for both design and construction will they later be able to get problems solved without excessive finger-pointing regarding blame.

STAT 5. [] and I argued that the same goal could be achieved by giving full responsibility to LEC, but GSA prefers its solution. [] clearly does not believe that GSA can be moved on the issue, and feels that FBIS should proceed according to the GSA plan, which does include a significant LEC role.

6. The meeting was adjourned after we agreed to keep GSA informed of our move plans and said that we would supply GSA with an updated scope document. GSA is to check with Charles E. Smith to check on whether Key will be available for lease after 1987.

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